

THE RETURN HOME.

ANNIE F— left the home of her mother when quite young to go to live in a great city. Circumstances seemed to have necessitated the step, but the true cause was a secret desire to escape from under the care of a christian mother, and to do her own will. How the succeeding years of her life were passed no one knows but God and herself ; later, she confessed that she lived without God with the sole thought of draining the cup of this world's pleasures, and slipping smoothly down the broad road that leads to destruction. She had been seduced by the voice of Satan saying to her: "Peace, peace," when there was no peace, while like the fool she was saying in her heart: "There is no God."

During a rigorous winter Annie took a severe cold—she did not get rid again of her cough—and as she could no longer earn anything the people with whom she lived told her plainly that she would have to leave as they feared she might become a charge on them.

Out of money, everything she had of any value having been already sold, she was in great distress. She would willingly have gone, but where ?

The thought came to her that perhaps she was going to die ; she had heard persons say so, and she began to think it was true.

One night as the exterior sounds became